

It's Time to Plant

“Therefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.” - James 1:21

The Negative

- + “Putting away or off” contains the idea of Stripping off of Garments.
- + Romans 13:12
 - “The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”
- + Ephesians 4:22
 - “That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,”
- + Colossians 3:8
 - “but now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.”
- + There is a twofold removal of Filthiness and Wickedness.
- + The word “Filthiness” only occurs here in the N.T. and usually refers to Clothing.
- + In the case of “Wickedness” its context suggest the attitude of mind that desires the Injury or Harm of others.
- + C. B. Williams; “discontinue all Conformity to the prevailing evils around you.”

The Positive

- + The word “Receive” conveys a sense of Urgency.
- + “Meekness” means a spirit of Gentleness and Considerateness.
- + The character of Acts 17:11
 - “For they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.”
- + “Implanted word” only occurs here in the N.T. and is an Agricultural term.
- + It is speaking of a heart that is Open to the word.
- + “to save your souls” has two meanings:
 - Embracing the Word brings Eternal salvation.
 - Embracing the Word brings salvation over the Power of Sin.
- + “Souls” means the Whole person is changed.